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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: FIXING METHOD, FIXING DEVICE, AND  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Abstract** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 16 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.